

USA Fencing Veteran Committee NAC Survey

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Who responded: The demographics

688 total responses were collected out of the 4,864 emails that were sent out.

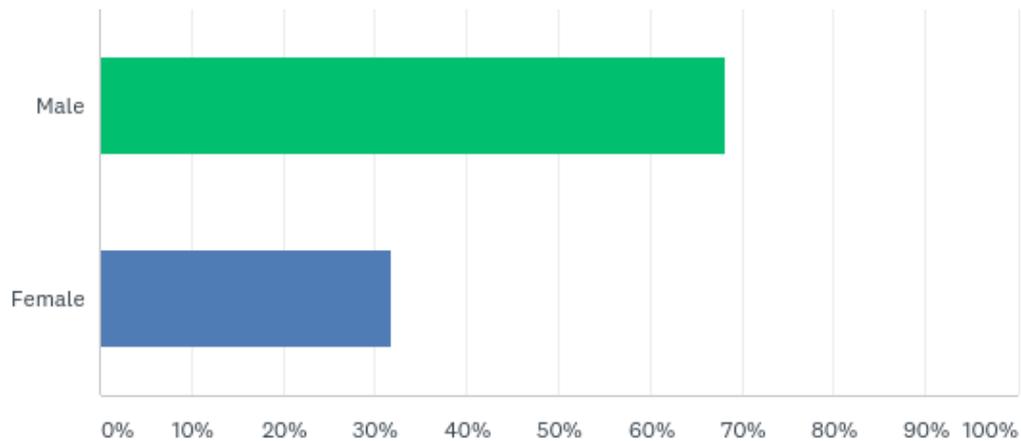
687 of the 688 responded that they were a USA fencing member over the age of 38.

327 responded that they fence foil.

431 responded that they fence epee.

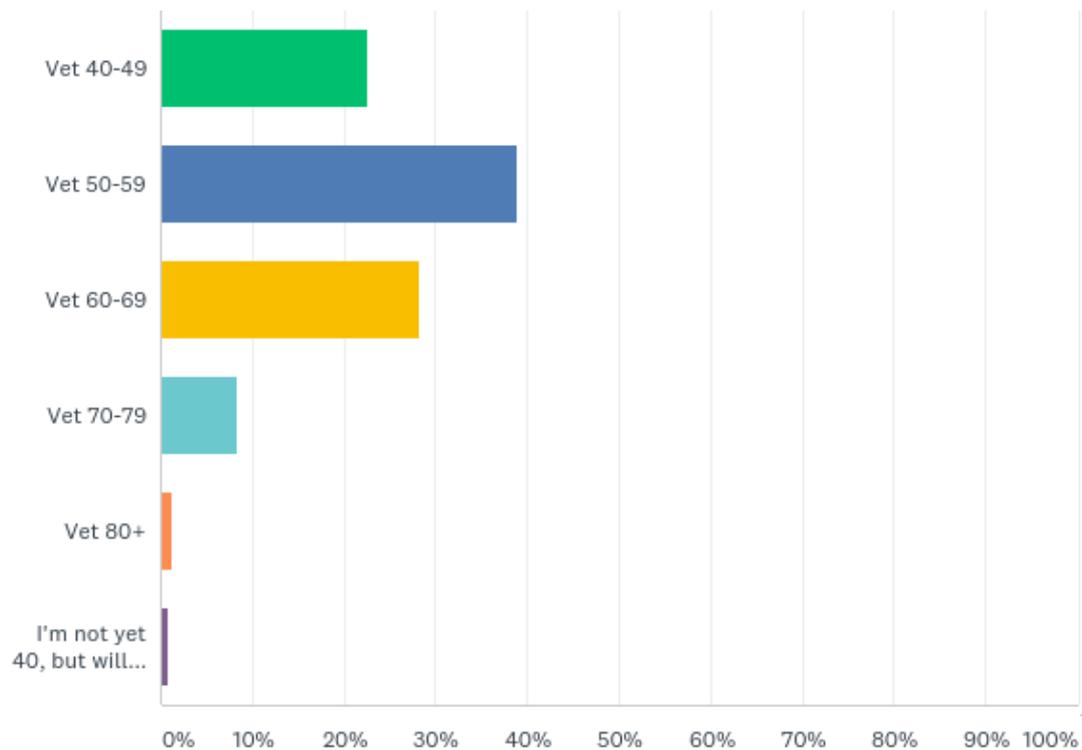
230 responded that they fence saber.

Gender breakdown



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	68.17%	469
Female	31.83%	219
TOTAL		688

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Vet 40-49	22.53%	155
Vet 50-59	38.81%	267
Vet 60-69	28.34%	195
Vet 70-79	8.28%	57
Vet 80+	1.16%	8
I'm not yet 40, but will be in the next two years.	0.87%	6
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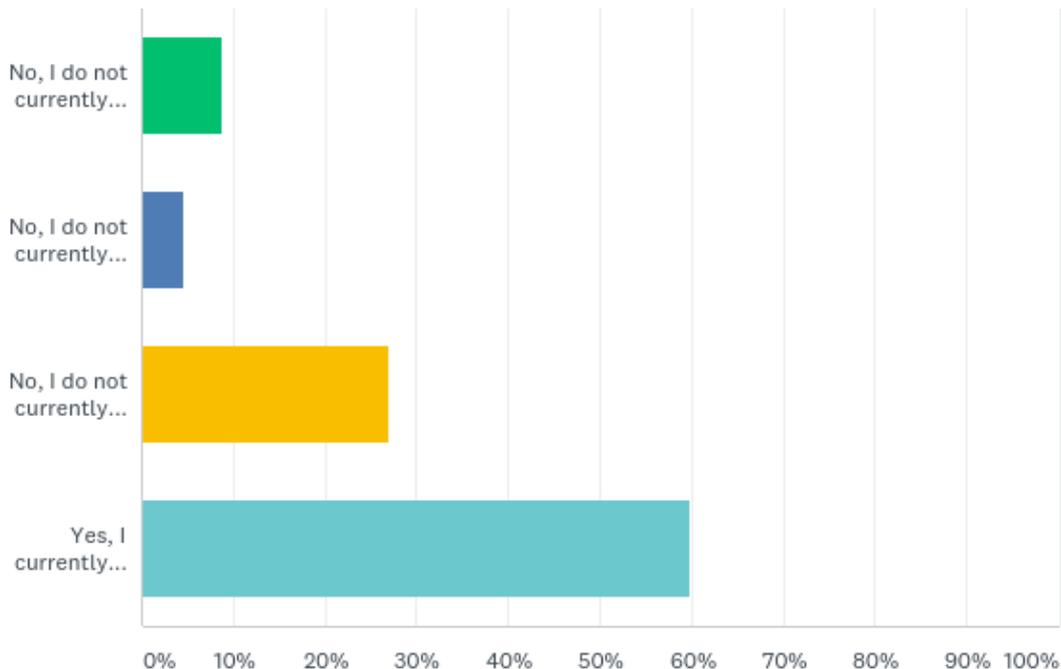
Have you competed at the Veteran World Championships?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	83.82%	575
Yes, as a member of Team USA.	16.03%	110
Yes, representing a country other than the United States.	0.15%	1
TOTAL		686

Now, the good stuff

Do you currently compete in USA Fencing Veteran NACs or National Championship Events?

Nearly 40% of those who participated in this survey DO NOT currently compete in a veteran event



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No, I do not currently compete in these events and have no plans to compete in the next two years.	8.72%	60
No, I do not currently compete or have plans to compete, but have competed in the last two years.	4.51%	31
No, I do not currently compete in these events, but plan to compete in at least one within the next two years.	27.03%	186
Yes, I currently compete in these events.	59.74%	411
TOTAL		688

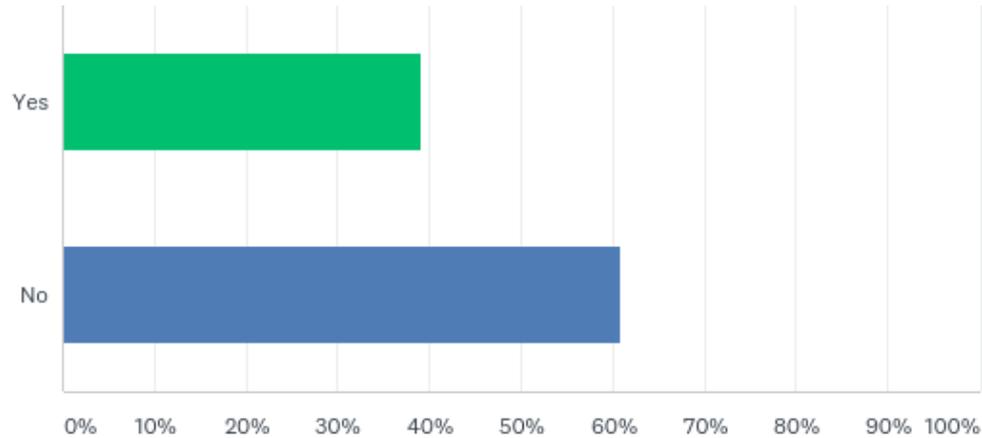
If you answered YES to question 6, why DO you attend USA Fencing Veteran NACs (rank the answers listed below)?

	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
To try to make the U.S. Veteran World Championship Team.	34.16% 165	13.46% 65	10.77% 52	14.29% 69	27.33% 132	483	3.13
To see my friends from across the country.	8.08% 40	18.18% 90	28.08% 139	28.28% 140	17.37% 86	495	2.71
To improve my fencing.	19.02% 97	34.51% 176	27.45% 140	14.51% 74	4.51% 23	510	3.49
To have a high quality competition in my age group and weapon.	39.49% 203	30.35% 156	14.79% 76	11.48% 59	3.89% 20	514	3.90
To watch high quality fencing.	3.99% 20	4.79% 24	18.16% 91	27.35% 137	45.71% 229	501	1.94

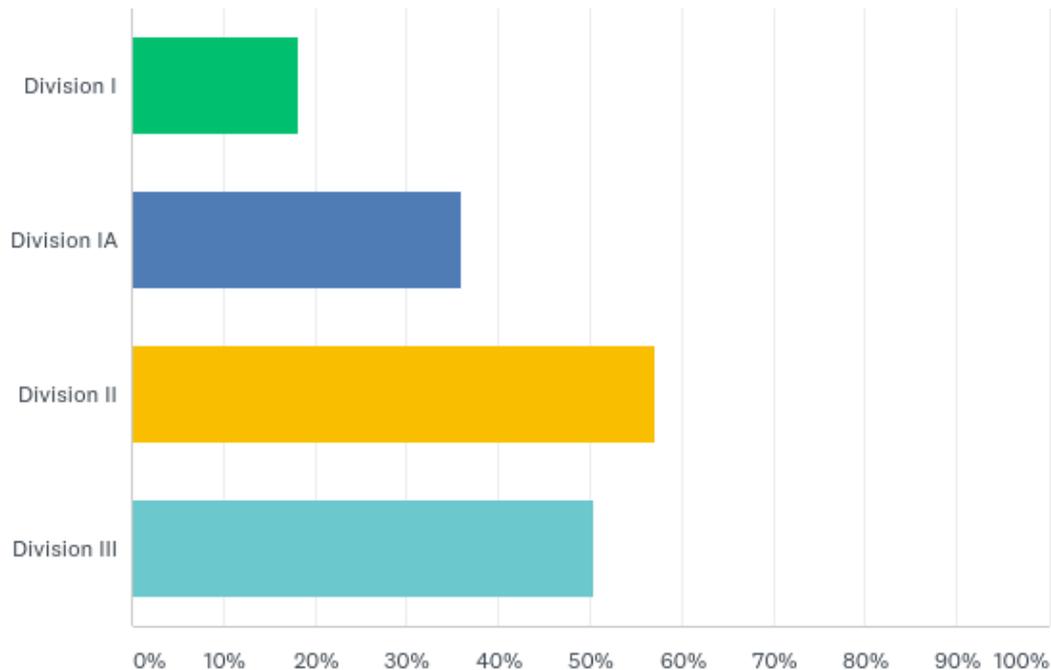
If you answered NO to question 6 above, why DON'T you attend USA Fencing Veteran NACs (rank the answers listed below)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	SCORE
Too expensive.	45.56% 118	23.55% 61	14.67% 38	6.56% 17	3.86% 10	5.79% 15	259	4.83
Too far.	16.92% 44	50.77% 132	17.69% 46	6.15% 16	4.62% 12	3.85% 10	260	4.58
I'm not good enough.	20.41% 50	11.43% 28	27.35% 67	13.47% 33	11.43% 28	15.92% 39	245	3.68
The events in my competitive category are too small.	3.98% 8	7.96% 16	21.39% 43	41.79% 84	22.39% 45	2.49% 5	201	3.22
The events in my competitive category are too weak.	4.90% 10	2.45% 5	8.82% 18	16.67% 34	45.59% 93	21.57% 44	204	2.40
Other	34.12% 87	4.31% 11	7.84% 20	6.27% 16	7.45% 19	40.00% 102	255	3.31

Do you compete in non-veteran categories at USA Fencing NACs or Summer Nationals?

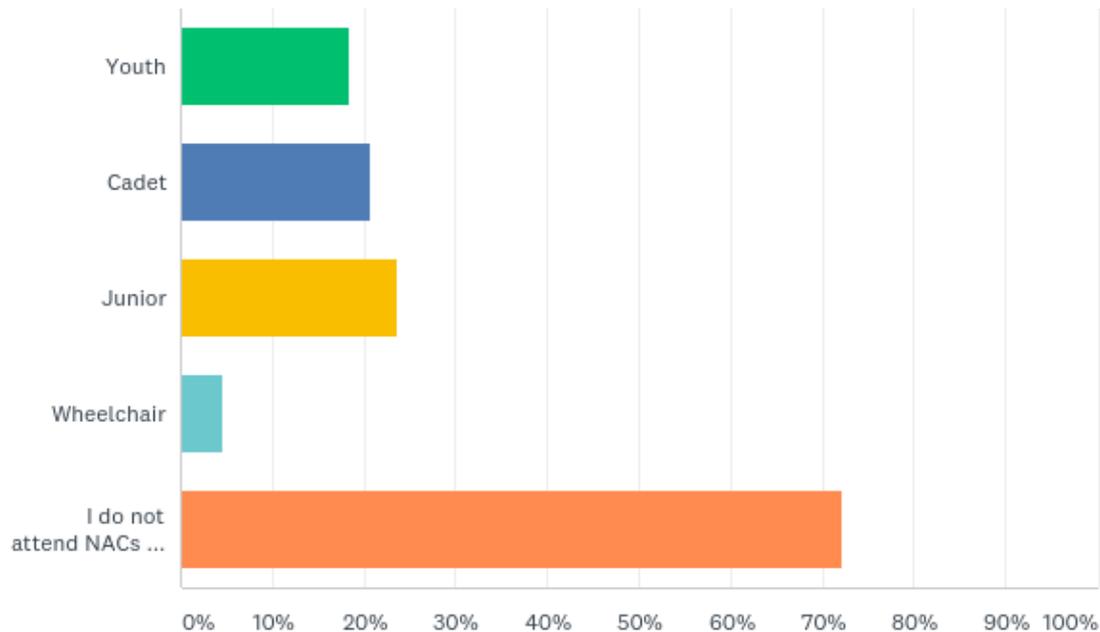


If you answered YES to question 10 above, in which of these categories do you compete (Check all that apply)?

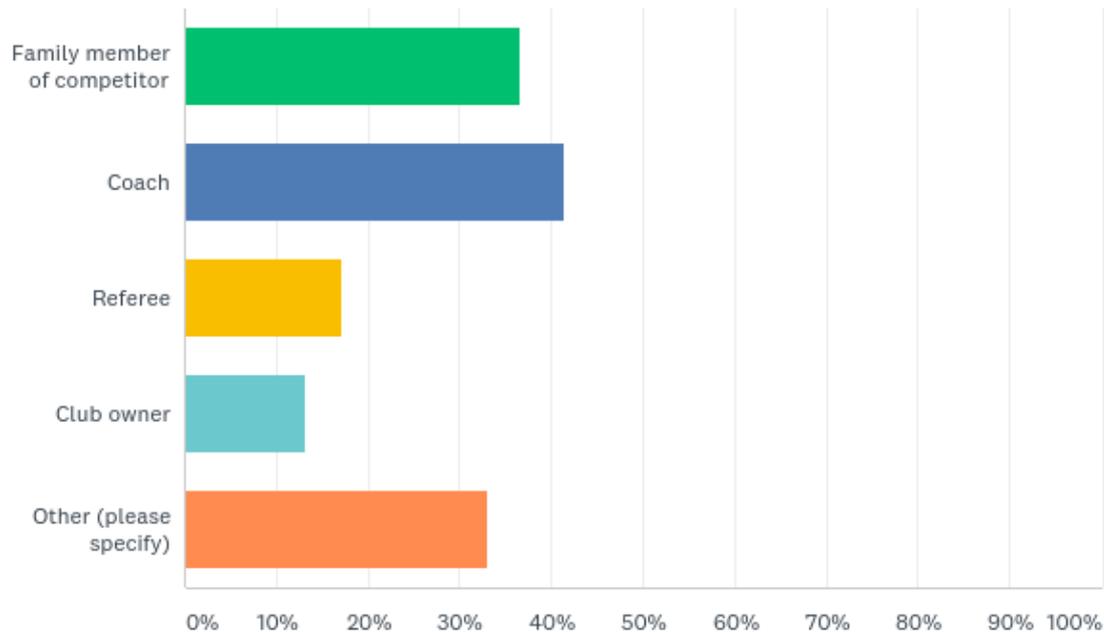


Do you attend USA Fencing national competitions that you do not compete in for any of the following categories (check all that apply)?

Note: The youth, cadet, junior and wheelchair percentages represent a breakdown of the roughly 28% who do attend a national event in which they are not competing in.



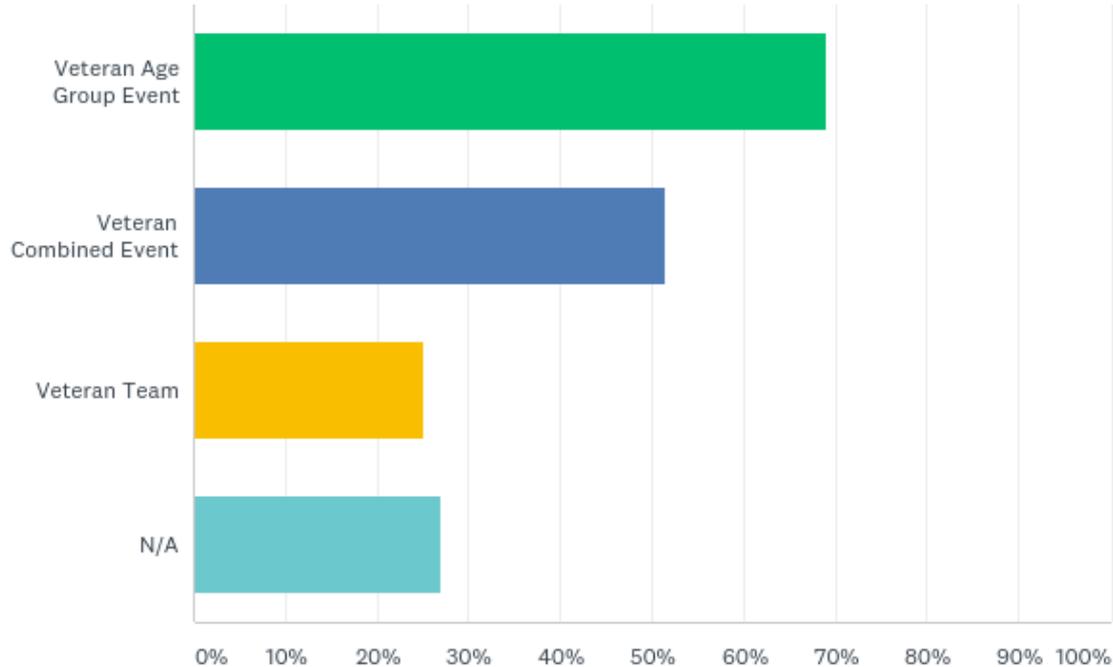
If you answered YES to Question 12 above, what role do you play at these competitions?



How many USA Fencing national veteran tournaments (NACs and Championship events) have you attended in the last two years?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	28.72%	197
1-2	23.47%	161
3-4	21.28%	146
5-6	26.53%	182
TOTAL		686

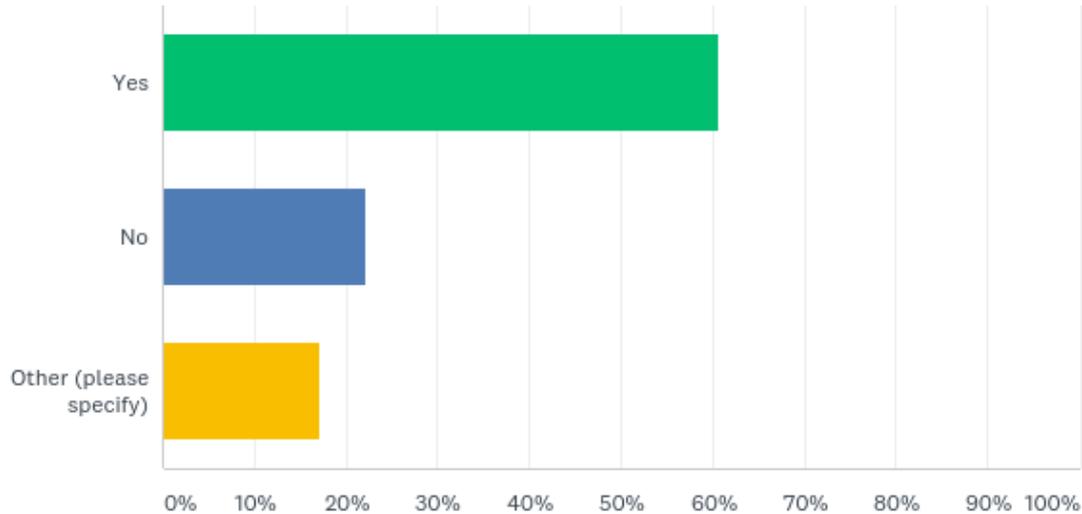
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Veteran Age Group Event	69.11%	472
Veteran Combined Event	51.54%	352
Veteran Team	25.04%	171
N/A	26.94%	184
Total Respondents: 683		

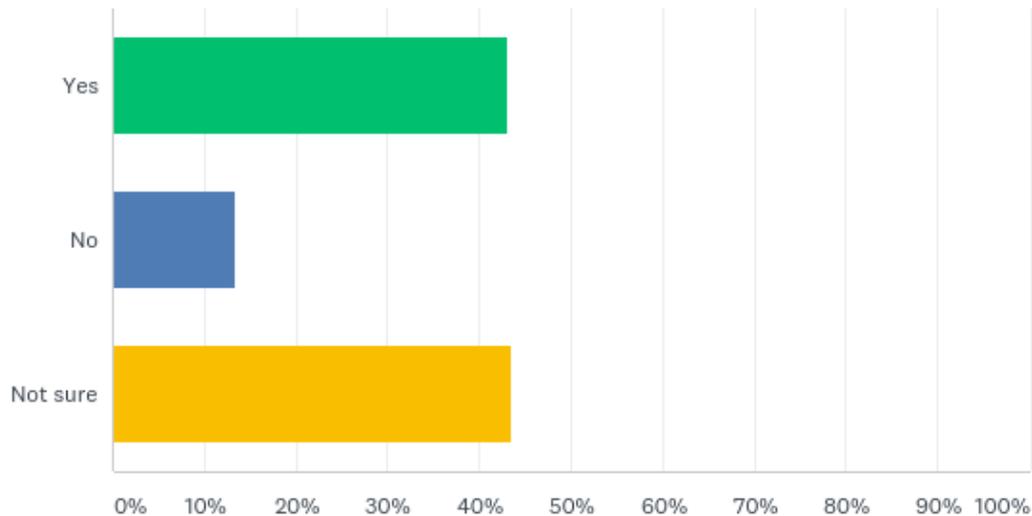
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.77%	412
No	22.12%	150
Other (please specify)	17.11%	116
TOTAL		678

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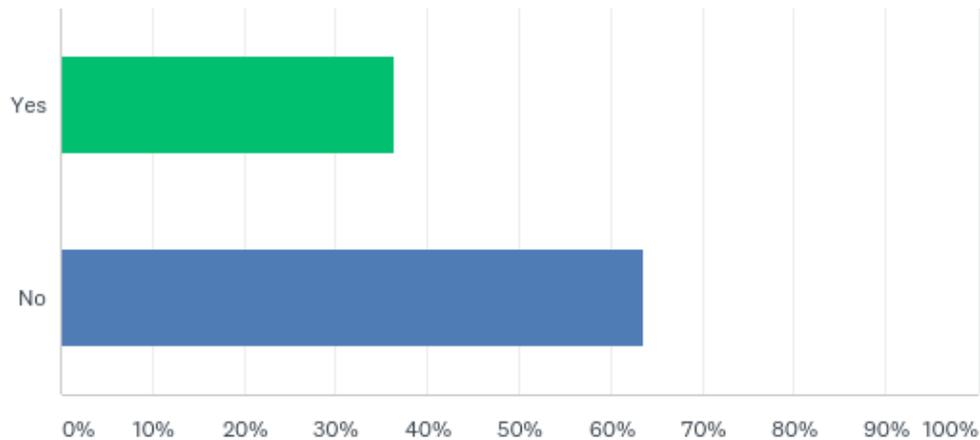


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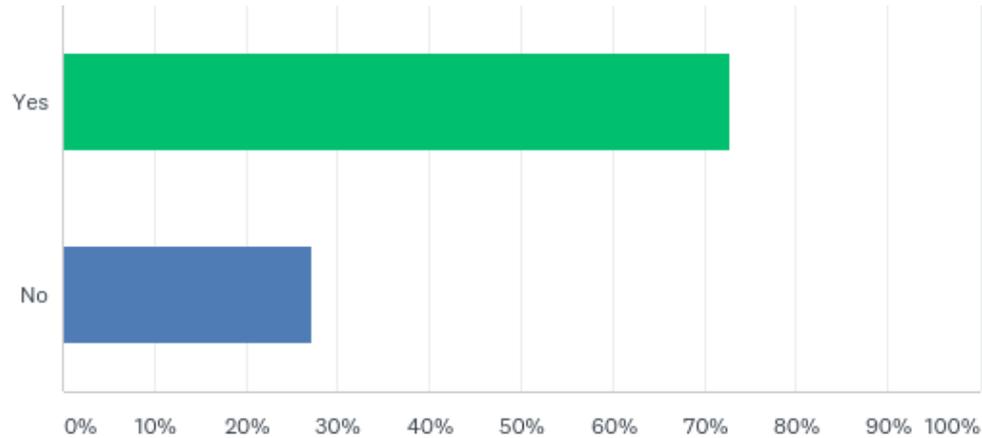
Note: The current selection criteria calls for the best 2 out of 3 results

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	43.20%	292
No	13.31%	90
Not sure	43.49%	294
TOTAL		676

Have you ever fenced in the Veteran Team event at a USA Fencing NAC or Summer Nationals?



Do you think more veteran team events should be added to USA Fencing national events?



The team format currently used for USA Fencing national events is a 45 touch relay format. Teams can include veteran fencers of any age. In practice, teams tend to include fewer Vet 60 fencers and rarely (if at all) Vet 70 fencers. However European Team Championships encourage participation by older fencers by requiring a minimum cumulative age of 150. At Veteran World Championships, all three age groups must be represented in team events. Which veteran team format do you prefer?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
The format currently used: 3 fencers and 1 alternate, the only requirement being that all fencers are qualified to fence Veteran 40+ or older	37.42% 241
A format that requires a cumulative minimum age for the team: for example 150 for a 3 person team and 200 for a team with an alternate.	51.55% 332
Other (please specify)	11.02% 71
TOTAL	644

Do you know or have you met any of the fencers who have represented the United States at the Senior World Championships or the Olympic Games?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes, I have met Senior National Team members / Olympians.	44.28% 302
Yes, I have met Senior National Team members / Olympians and have had the opportunity to train with them.	28.15% 192
No, I have not met Senior National Team members / Olympians but would welcome the opportunity to meet them and learn from them.	22.43% 153
No, I have not met Senior National Team Members / Olympians would not have any interest in such meetings.	5.13% 35
TOTAL	682